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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed~~3-25-47~~..... SEE CARD #2 Call letters~~W G N S~~.....
 x VOGEL-HALE CORPORATION (VOL. AL 3-13-70 EFF: ~~1-3-70~~) Murfreesboro, Tennessee
 X REGIONAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION, AL 2-10-60; EFF: 2-16-60)
 x W G N S, INCORPORATED (AL 12-22-48; EFF: 1-3-~~49~~)
 x CECIL N. ELROD, CECIL N. ELROD, JR., & S. D. MOORE, JR., a partnership
 Name of licenseed/h as MURFREESBORO BROADCASTING SERVICE.....

Transmitter location / Elrod Building
 South Church St., Murfreesboro, Tenn. (CP 10-9-46) (Lic. 3-25-47).....

306 South Church Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee (BRC 1-12-61)

X 118 North Church Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee (Ltr. 8-6-57)

X Elrod Building / South Church St.
 Murfreesboro, Tennessee (CP 12-25-46) (Lic. 3-25-47)

Main studio location x James K. Polk Hotel, Murfreesboro, Tenn. (CP 10-9-46)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
B3-F-3802 CP FOR NEW STATION	10-9-46	1450	250w	U (Conditional Clause)	12-9-46 6-9-47
B3-MF-2305 Mod. CP (3802) to make changes in antenna and type T and change S site	12-23-46	1450	250w	U (Conditional Clause)	12-9-46 6-9-47
B3-L-2261 B3-Z-2079	3-25-47	1450	250w	U Lic. to cover CP (3802 as mod.) for new station and determine operating power by direct method (Conditional Clause)	3-25-47 2-1-48
BS-1442	1-20-48	Extension of license			2-1-48 6-1-48
BS-1442	5-27-48	Extension of license			6-1-48 9-1-48
BR-1442	7-6-48	1450	250w	U	7-6-48 2-1-51
BAL-792 EFF: 1-3-49	12-22-48	Vol. assignment of license to WGNS, Incorporated.			
BZ-3166	6-19-50	1450	250w	U	6-19-50 2-1-51
BS-1442	1-29-51	Extension of license			2-1-51 6-1-51
BR-1442	5-23-51	1450	250w	U	5-23-51 2-1-54
ORDER	11-5-52	to show cause why cease and desist Orders should not be issued			
BZ-3552 (1)	3-1-54	Determine operating power by direct method and convert construction specs			
BR-1442	4-21-54	1450	250w	U	4-21-54 5-1-55
BZ-3647	2-17-55	1450	250w	U	2-17-55 8-1-55
ORDER	5-25-53	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
ORDER	5-4-55	Cease and Desist Order issued re violation Sec. 3.181			
ORDER	5-4-55	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY LICENSE SHOULD NOT BE REVOKED (Docket 11384)			
TELEGRAM	7-28-55	No action taken on renewal application. Continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal.			
BRC-891 (1)	1-27-56	Mod. of lic. to op. trans. by remote control from Elrod Building, South Church St. Murfreesboro, Tennessee.			

June 1954

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Name of licensee DAVIDSON BROADCASTING CORPORATION (AL 6-28-78 EFF: 8-14-78
xSEE CARD ONE.

Transmitter location See Card #1

Main studio location See Card #1

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BR-1442	1-25-56	1450	250w	U	1-25- 8-1-58
WIRE	7-31-58	Action on renewal application deferred pending further consideration. Continu operation authorized.			
BR-1442	9-17-58	1450	250w	U	8-12- 8-1-61
BAL-3721 Eff:	2-10-60 2-16-60	Voluntary assignment of license to Regional Broadcasting Corporation			
BRC-1784	1-12-61	1450	250w	U	1-12 8-1-61
		Mod. of license to change studio loc. to 306 South Murfreesboro, Tenn. and operate transmitter by Remote Control from studio location.			
BP-13494	2-23-61	1450	250w-1kw-LS	U	4-23 10-23-61
		CP to increase daytime power to 1kw and install a new transmitter (RCA BTA-1R) (Cond'1)			
BP-13494	7-17-61	Mod. CP(BP-13494) to chg. type trans. (1) (Gates, RC-17)			
	7-26-61	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-1442	7-31-61	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-1 8-1-64
BL-6685 (1)	9-13-61	Lic. to cover CP(BP-13494) to inc. day power and install a new transmitter			
BR-1442	-1-64	1450kc	250w, 1kw, U		-1 8-1-67
BR-1442	7-24-67	Renewal of License			8-1 8-1-70
BZ-7334(1)	11-20-69	Direct Meas.			
BAL-6825	3-13-70	VOL. AL.	Eff.	3-25-70	
BR-1442(L)	9-30-70	RENEWAL			8-1-73
EBSA	5-22-72				
BR-1442(S)	8-31-73	RENEWAL			8-1-76
BR-1442(S)	7-12-76	Renewal			8-1-79
BAL-9339	6-28-78	VOL. AL.			
BR790330(L)	8-3-79	Renewal of License			8-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

CECIL N. ELROD, CECIL N. ELROD, JR.,
& S. D. WOTTEN, JR., A PARTNERSHIP,

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Name d/b as MURFREESBORO BROADCASTING SERVICE
(P. O. James K. Polk Hotel, Murfreesboro, Tenn.)

FILE No.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR—	ACTION	
			NATURE	DATE
B3-P-3802	11-3-44	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1240 kc Power: 250w Hours of Operation: Unlimited time Trans. Location: South Church St., Murfreesboro, Tenn. Studio Location: James K. Polk Hotel, Murfreesbor, Tenn	DOCKET NO. 6789	
Rec'd	11-13-44		GRANTED AFTER A HEARING	
Filed	12-7-44		Decision B-272 10-9-46 for 1450 kc, 250w, U Conditional re waiver 3.55(b) and 3.56	
Amended	9-11-45	AMENDED re change in transmitting equipment		
Recd.	9-14-45			
Filed	9-14-45			

Amendment correcting geographic coordinates filed 2-1-45.

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Name

CECIL N. ELROD, CECIL N. ELROD, JR., &
S.D. WOTTEN, JR., A PARTNERSHIP, d/b as MURFREESBORO BROADCASTING SERVICE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B3-MP-2305 Rec'd	8-29-46 10-15-46	Modification of Construction Permit (B3-P-3802, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to make changes in antenna, change type of transmitter (RCA 250-K) and change studio location from James K. Polk Hotel, Murfreesboro, Tennessee to the Elrod Building, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.	GRANTED (Conditional re Waiver 3.55(b)	12-23-46 and 3.60)
B3-L-2261 Rec'd Filed B3-2-2079 Rec'd Filed	12-27-46 12-30-46 12-30-46 12-27-46 12-30-46 12-30-46	License to cover C.P. (B3-F-3802, as mod.,) which authorized a new standard broadcast and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED (Conditional re waiver 3.55(b)	3-25-47
BR-1442 Rec'd	5-6-48 5-19-48	Renewal of license	Granted	7-6-48

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WGNS, Incorporated (al 12-22-48; EFF: 1-3-48

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x CECIL N. ELROD, CECIL N. ELROD, JR., &

Letters W.G.N.S.

Name S.D. WOTTEN, JR., A PARTNERSHIP d/b as MURFREESBORO BROADCASTING SERVICE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-792	10-15-48	Voluntary Assignment of License from Cecil N. Elrod, Cecil N. Elrod, Jr. and S.D. Wotten, Jr., A Partnership d/b as Murfreesboro Broadcasting Service to WGNS, Incorporated.	GRANTED	12-22-48
Rec'd	10-19-48		EFF:	1-3-49
Filed	10-19-48			
BZ-3166	6-2-50	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Chas. Dorris, Engr. Nashville, Tenn.	GRANTED	6-19-50
Rec'd	6-5-50			
Filed	6-5-50			
BR-1442	1-5-51	Renewal of license	GRANTED	5-23-51
Rec'd	1-8-51			

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FORM A-170

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FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-3552		Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	RETURNED	1-15-54
Rec'd	1-15-54		Sec. I not completed	
Resub.	1-25-54			
Rec'd	1-27-54		GRANTED	3-1-54
Filed	1-27-54			
BR-1442	11-1-53	Renewal of License	Granted	4-21-54
Rec'd	2-1-54			
Filed	2-1-54			
BZ-3647	1-7-55	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power	Ret. 1-18-55; Sect. I	
Rec'd	1-10-55		not complete	
Resub.	1-22-55			
Rec'd	2-3-55		GRANTED	2-17-55
Filed	2-3-55			

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1442 Rec'd Filed	7-22-55 7-27-55 7-27-55	Renewal of license Howard J. Schellenberg, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	1-28-56
BR-891 Rec'd Filed	1-8-56 1-11-56 1-11-56	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from Elrod Building, South Church Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.	GRANTED	1-27-56
BR-1442 Rec'd Filed	7-28-58 7-31-58 7-31-58	Renewal of license Howard J. Schellenberg, Jr., Attorney	GRANTED	9-17-58
BP-13,494 Rec'd Filed AMENDMENT R & F <i>See Cond 46 re Pat.</i>	9-1-59 9-8-59 9-8-59 5-11-60 5-16-60	Construction Permit to increase daytime power from 250w to 1kw and install a new transmitter(RCA-BTA-1R) Spearman & Roberson (11-3-60) Atty.- Howard J. Schellenberg, Jr. Engr.- John J. Keel AMENDED to change applicant name to REGIONAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION as auth. by BAL-3721 (gr 2-10-60)	GRANTED Cond'l re: Permittee shall accept such interf. re sub. grant of 1st IV station (1kw) Permittee shall submit with the application for license antenna resistance measurements. accordance 3.54 of Rules.	2-23-61

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Name X WGNS, INCORPORATED

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-3721	12-3-59	Voluntary assignment of license to Regional Broadcasting Corporation. Howard J. Schellenberg, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	2-10-60
Rec'd	12-3-59		EFF:	2-16-60
Filed	12-3-59			
PROTEST FILED 12-19-59 AGAINST WGNS, INCORPORATED ASSIGNMENT OF LICENSE				
PROTEST DISMISSED; MEMORANDUM OPINION & ORDER ADOPTED 3-24-60				

BP-13,494	Continued			
PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION filed 3-27-61 by Coll for WFIX				

F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Murfreesboro, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-1784 Rec'd Filed	12-17-60 12-21-60 12-21-60	Modification of license to change studio location from 118 North Church Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee to 306 South Church Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee and operate transmitter by Remote Control from studio location.	GRANTED	1-12-61
BR-1442 Rec'd & Filed	5-3-61 5-5-61	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-31-61
BR-1567 Rec'd & Filed	5-15-61 5-22-61	Modification of CP(BP-13494) which with. incr. daytime power and installation new transmitter to change type transmitter to a Cates, BC-17.	GRANTED	7-17-61
BL-8685 R & F	6-19-61 6-20-61	Lic. to cover CP(BP-13494) to increase power (daytime) and install new transmitter.	GRANTED	9-13-61
BR-1442 R. & F.	4-30-64 4-30-64	Renewal of license. 8-1-64	GRANTED	7-15-64
BR-1442 R & F	5-1-67 5-1-67	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-24-67

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VOGEL-HALE CORPORATION

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Murfreesboro, Tennessee

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BE-7334 R & F DM	10-6-69 10-10-69 10-22-69 NOV 1	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	11-20-69
BAL- 6825 Rec'd Filed Fee: \$30 #565101 (Form 316)	12-5-69 12-17-69 12-17-69	Voluntary assignment of license to Vogel-Hale Corporation. (SEE OVER)	GRANTED EFF:	3-13-70 3-25-70
BR-1442 Rec'd Filed #601309 \$75 PN PRESS	4-28-70 4-30-70 5-13-70 4-30-70 MAY 19 1970	Renewal of license AMENDED 8-24-70 re: programming & commercial practices AMENDED 9-14-70 re: programming: commercial practices	GRANTED	9-30-70

RE: BAL-6825 - Sec II & reasons for AL - filed 2-13-70)
(reply to ltr 2-6-70)

For date & signature
Sec II notice sent 2-13-70
BAL-6825

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DAVIDSON BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Name **xx VOGEL-HALE CORPORATION**
MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1442 R & F PN PRESS JUN 11 1973	5-1-73 5-3-73 5-3-73	Renewal of License Atty: Robert L. Olender Amended 7-23-73 re: commercial practices	GRANTED	8-31-73
BR-1442 R & F P.N. Press MAY 4 1976 ltr.	2-2-76 3-29-76 3-29-76 10-14-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. Robert L. Olender (Stambler & Shrinsky, P.C.) Baraff, Koerner & Olender now attys.	GRANTED	7-12-76
BAL -9339 R & F FORM 314 PN FILED	3/30/78 4/3/78 5-8-78	Voluntary assignment of license to DAVIDSON BROADCASTING CORPORATION (OVER) Atty - Larry Perry, Oak Ridge, Tenn.	GRANTED EFF:	6-28-78 8-14-78

BAL-9339 Amended 5-31-78 re: clarification of letter
of credit & EEOP data

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MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR 790330 WJ PRESS APR 24 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	8-30-79
BTC810407HD Form 315 PRESS MAY 13 1981 Also see WHLP (AM & FM) PN FILED 5-11-81		Vol transfer of control from Mildred B. Littleton to E.J. Preston Request for Waiver of Rule Sec. 73.3597 Atty. C. Michael Norton		

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

